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Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling a hardware circuit with a processor, the processor used for executing a <u>program</u> code to control the hardware circuit, the <u>program</u> code comprising:
- a plurality of lower-level subroutines, wherein after the processor executes various lower-level subroutines, the hardware circuit will be controlled to execute various corresponding operations, and each lower-level subroutine will record results, which come from the hardware circuit executing the corresponding operations, in an error code; wherein each result corresponds to a recovery operation;
- a plurality of higher-level subroutines, each higher-level subroutine used for calling at least a lower-level subroutine to control the hardware circuit to execute operations corresponding to the lower-level subroutine according to the called lower-level subroutine when the processor executes the <u>a</u> higher-level subroutine <u>of the</u> plurality of higher-level subroutines;
- a plurality of recovery subroutines, each recovery subroutine corresponding to a recovery operations for controlling the hardware circuit to execute various corresponding recovery operations, after the processor executes various recovery subroutines; and
 - an error-handling subroutine for calling the recovery subroutines according to the error code;

the method comprising:

- after the processor executes the higher-level subroutine[[s]], executing the error-handling subroutine to allow the processor to control the hardware circuit to execute the corresponding recovery operations according to the results corresponding to the lower-level subroutines.
- 2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein when the processor executes the error-handling subroutine after the higher-level subroutines are executed, the

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processor will not execute the recovery operations corresponding to the lower-level subroutine until the higher-level subroutines are finished.

- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the higher-level subroutines won't call
 5 each other so that a next higher-level subroutine will not be executed until the processor finishes executing a previous higher-level subroutine.
 - 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the hardware circuit is a servo module of an optical storage drive, the servo module comprising:
- a motor for driving an optical disk to rotate; and a pick-up head for generating a laser incident on the optical disk.
 - 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the hardware circuit is an interface module of an optical storage drive.
 - 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the error code is a global variable of the <u>program</u> code; the operation results corresponding to the lower-level subroutines will be recorded in the same error code.
- 7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>program</u> code further comprises a plurality of next-level subroutines; when the processor executes various next-level subroutines, the hardware circuit is controlled to execute corresponding operations; each next-level subroutine will record operation results corresponding to the hardware circuit in a second error code; each lower-level subroutine is used for calling at least a next-level subroutine so that the processor sequentially executes the next-level subroutines of the lower-level subroutines to control the hardware circuit to execute corresponding operations when executing the lower-level subroutines.

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- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the next-level subroutines of each lower-level subroutine record corresponding operation results in the same second error code.
- 5 9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the second error code is a column of the error code.
 - 10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the next-level subroutines record corresponding operation results in the same second error code.

11. (Canceled)

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- 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the lower-level subroutines won't call each other so that a next lower-level subroutine will not be executed until the processor finishes executing a previous lower-level subroutine.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the lower-level subroutines won't call the higher-level subroutines.
- 20 14. (Currently amended) An electronic device, comprising:
 - a hardware circuit for achieving operations of the electronic device;
 - a processor for executing a program code to control the hardware circuit;
 - a storage device for storing the <u>program</u> code; wherein the <u>program</u> code comprises:
 - a plurality of lower-level subroutines, wherein after the processor executes various lower-level subroutines, the hardware circuit will be controlled to execute various corresponding operations, and each lower-level subroutine will record results, which come from the hardware circuit executing the corresponding operations, in an error code; wherein each result corresponds to a recovery

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operation;

a plurality of higher-level subroutines, each higher-level subroutine used for calling at least a lower-level subroutine to control the hardware circuit to execute operations corresponding to the lower-level subroutine according to the called lower-level subroutine when the processor executes the <u>a</u> higher-level subroutine of the plurality of higher-level subroutines;

a plurality of recovery subroutines, each recovery subroutine corresponding to a recovery operations for controlling the hardware circuit to execute various corresponding recovery operations, after the processor executes various recovery subroutines; and

an error-handling subroutine for calling the recovery subroutines according to the error code;

wherein after executing the higher-level subroutine[[s]], the processor executes the error-handling subroutine to allow the processor to control the hardware circuit to execute the corresponding recovery operations according to the results corresponding to the lower-level subroutines.

- 15. (Previously presented) The electronic device of claim 14, wherein when the processor executes the error-handling subroutine after the higher-level subroutines are executed, the processor will not execute the recovery operations corresponding to the lower-level subroutine until the higher-level subroutines are finished.
- 16. (Original) The electronic device of claim 14, wherein the higher-level subroutines won't call each other so that a next higher-level subroutine will not be executed until the processor finishes executing a previous higher-level subroutine.
 - 17. (Original) The electronic device of claim 14 being an optical storage drive, the hardware circuit comprising a servo module, which comprising:

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a motor for driving an optical disk to rotate; and a pick-up head for generating a laser incident on the optical disk.

- 18. (Original) The electronic device of claim 14 being an optical storage drive, the hardware circuit being an interface module of the optical storage drive.
 - 19. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 14, wherein the error code is a global variable of the <u>program</u> code; the operation results corresponding to the lower-level subroutines will be recorded in the same error code.
 - 20. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 14, wherein the <u>program</u> code further comprises a plurality of next-level subroutines; when the processor executes various next-level subroutines, the hardware circuit is controlled to execute corresponding operations; each next-level subroutine will record operation results corresponding to the hardware circuit in a second error code; each lower-level subroutine is used for calling at least a next-level subroutine so that the processor sequentially executes the next-level subroutines of the lower-level subroutines to control the hardware circuit to execute corresponding operations when executing the lower-level subroutines.
- 20 21. (Original) The electronic device of claim 20, wherein the next-level subroutines of each lower-level subroutine record corresponding operation results in the same second error code.
- 22. (Original) The electronic device of claim 20, wherein the second error code is a column of the error code.
 - 23. (Original) The electronic device of claim 20, wherein the next-level subroutines record corresponding operation results in the same second error code.

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24. (Canceled)

- 25. (Original) The electronic device of claim 14, wherein the lower-level subroutines
 5 won't call each other so that a next lower-level subroutine will not be executed until the processor finishes executing a previous lower-level subroutine.
 - 26. (Original) The electronic device of claim 14, wherein the lower-level subroutines won't call the higher-level subroutines.

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